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VIP

Still on the Agnew Watch

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Spiro T. Agnew is planning to spend a couple of weeks in Palm Springs and the trip poses transportation problems for the Secret Service, which is still assigned to guard him.

It is Secret Service policy to "recommend military airlift" for all traveling VIPs who come under their jurisdiction, a spokesman said last week.

But if Agnew flies out to vacation with entertainer Frank Sinatra at taxpayers' expense, there is likely to be criticism from the public and perhaps from Congress.

A source close to Agnew says that Sinatra may solve the problem by sending a private jet to pick up his friend.

Executive Bathtub

President Nixon has a $1,500 whirlpool bathtub.

The new hydro-therapy fixture was installed in the presidential bathroom at the White House several months ago on the recommendation of his doctor to provide relaxation from nervous tension. The tub is manufactured by the Jacuzzi Co.

To make space for the built-in unit, workmen riped out a marble tub installed when the mansion was rebuilt in the Truman administration, along with the glass enclosure which was etched with the presidential seal.

Return Trip

Sen. Edward M. (Ted) Kennedy's wife, Joan, is back in Europe.

He was supposed to accompany her this time, his office said last week. But the furor over the firing of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox kept Kennedy in Washington.

Mrs. Kennedy went on to Istanbul alone and is scheduled to meet her husband in Brussels this Friday if he is able to keep a speaking engagement there.

At the Typewriter

Convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt now has access to a typewriter and is busy on a book outline.

His agent, Donald MacCampbell, refuses to say whether Hunt is writing another novel or his memoirs, but indications are that it is the latter, since all preliminaries on the manuscript must be cleared first with Hunt's lawyers.

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